

How was the public mood affected by the First World War?

A number of volunteer organizations sprang up around the country to search for draft dodgers, enforce the sale of bonds, and report any opinion or conversation considered suspicious. Organizations such as the American Protective League publicly humiliated people accused of not buying war bonds and persecuted, beat, and sometimes killed people of German descent.

What major consequence of World War I for blacks and other racial minorities?

About half a million rural southern blacks migrated to cities, mainly in the North and Midwest, to obtain employment in war and other industries, especially in steel and meat packing

What was the primary reason for the Race Riots of 1919? In what city was rioting the worst?

1. White hostility based on competition for lower-paying jobs and black encroachment into white neighborhoods. 2. The Chicago riot was the worst, lasting thirteen days and leaving 38 dead, 520 wounded, and 1,000 families homeless

How did World War I affect the Prohibition movement?

Proponents of Prohibitions stressed the need for military personnel to be sober and the need to conserve grain for food.

What was the first year that a majority of Americans lived in urban areas?

1920

What explains the tremendous growth of the suburbs during the 1920s?

Better transportation through streetcars, commuter railroads, and automobiles, as well as the easy availability of financing for home construction.

How did technology and urbanization lead to a sharp rise in the standard of living during the 1920s?

Technological conveniences such as electric stoves, vacuum cleaners, refrigerators such as electric stoves, and toasters made life less burdensome. Urban living improved access to electricity, natural gas, telephones, and piped water

What were some of the characteristics of the "Jazz Age" of the 1920s?

Greater sexual promiscuity, drinking, and new forms of dancing considered erotic by the older generations

What explains the growth of organized crime during the 1920s?

Prohibition, because organized crime helped meet the demand for illegal alcohol

Who were Sacco and Vanzetti?

Sacco and Vanzetti were Italian immigrants and admitted anarchists convicted of murder in 1920 and sentenced to death. Many believe their convictions were based on the political radicalism of the defendants, not evidence.

What spurred consumer interest and demand in the 1920?

A great increase in professional advertising using newspapers, magazines, radio, billboards, and other media

How did the sexual revolution affect women's clothing in the 1920s?

Women adopted less bulky clothing, wearing short skirts, and sleeveless and low cut dresses.